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## F O R E W O R D

The Historical Records Survey program is one of the many valuable and permanent undertakings of the Work Projects Administration. One division of this work is the Church Records Survey. The Federal Government has recognized that in the field of history churches and their organizations occupy an important place. Under the program as planned the work will extend to every religious body of every creed in all the states in the Union.

Of particular interest to Baptists is that part of the program which concerns the Baptist associations and churches of North Carolina. This work is already in progress and will be pressed toward completion. Under the direction of an able supervisory staff, located in Raleigh, one or more workers is assigned to each association. These workers make a careful and industrious search for all church records, printed or in manuscript, minutes of associations, and any other materials that may serve the purpose of the Survey. With this material in hand the editorial staff prepares a short sketch of the association and its constituent churches, which is published in a separate volume.

Those who are interested in church history will find these volumes most valuable. For both the association and each local church is given a complete list of all records that have been discovered and from which the sketches have been constructed, with a statement of where they may be found. For the association, the time and place of its organization are given with a list of its charter churches. Some account is also given of the officers, especially the first and those of the present time. For each church a like care is exercised in giving essential historical data, such as the time and place of constitution, the constituting officers, the location and character of the houses of worship, and the growth or decrease in number of members.

This work is comprehensive and will be invaluable. It preserves from loss essential facts about our churches. Every one who is interested in our religious history will greatly appreciate it. It will be most helpful also in creating an interest in preserving church records, as emphasis is placed on locating and inventorying the old and rapidly disappearing records of the churches. No reader of these sketches can fail to recognize the great significance of organized religious bodies in the life of the nation.

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Baptists and of History of Wake Forest  
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Wake Forest College  
Wake Forest, N. C.  
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## PREFACE

The Historical Records Survey was created in the winter of 1935-36 as a nation-wide Works Progress Administration project for the "discovery, preservation and listing of basic materials for research in the history of the United States."<sup>1</sup> Under the direction of Dr. Luther H. Evans, the Survey undertook an extensive program for the inventory of state and local archives, early American imprints, church archives, and collections of manuscripts. Pursuant to the provisions of the Emergency Relief Act passed June 30, 1939, the existence of the Survey as a single nation-wide project sponsored by WPA itself was terminated August 31, 1939, and the work of the Survey was continued within the individual states by locally sponsored projects operating within the national WPA Historical Records Survey Program, which continued under the direction of Dr. Evans until his resignation and the subsequent appointment of Sargent B. Child on March 1, 1940.

The North Carolina Project of the national Historical Records Survey was established February 1, 1936, with Dr. C. C. Crittenden, Secretary of the North Carolina Historical Commission, as Director. Until November 1936 the Survey operated as an autonomous unit of the Federal Writers' Project, directed in North Carolina by Edwin Bjorkman. Dr. Crittenden resigned as State Director June 30, 1937, and was succeeded by Dan Lacy, who has previously served as Assistant State Director. Mr. Lacy resigned April 2, 1940, to accept the position of Assistant to the Director of Historical Records Survey Projects in Washington, and was succeeded by Colbert F. Crutchfield as State Supervisor. The work of the North Carolina unit of the Historical Records Survey has been continued by the North Carolina Historical Records Survey Project established September 1, 1939, and sponsored by the North Carolina Historical Commission.

The Inventory of the Church Archives of North Carolina is one of a number of bibliographies of historical materials being prepared throughout the United States by workers on the Historical Records Survey Program. A separate section of the inventory will be devoted to each denomination, or to each subdivision of a denomination which affords a publishable unit within itself. The publication herewith presented, an inventory of the records of the Flat River Association, is such a unit of the Southern Baptist Convention, with which denominational body the Flat River Association is affiliated. Field work for the inventory was done by Mrs. Gemma H. Fleming, Miss Frances Woody, and Norfleet T. Mangum. Research work at Wake Forest College Library was done by John W. Mangum. Entries were written by Mrs. Mary Stone Vann. The inventory was prepared under the supervision of Joseph T. Chesnutt and was read for the sponsor by Dr. C. C. Crittenden, Secretary of the North Carolina Historical Commission.

This volume was prepared in accordance with technical instructions from the Washington Office of Historical Records Survey Projects; it was

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1. Works Progress Administration, Operating Procedure No. W-2, Revised July 2, 1937.



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reviewed before publication by Donald A. Thompson, Assistant Archivist in charge of Church Archives Inventories, and by Mr. Lacy. The Survey is indebted to the North Carolina Baptist State Convention for supplies used in this publication; to Mr. M. A. Huggins, Secretary-Treasurer of that body, for his interest in and support of the work; to Dr. G. W. Paschal, of Wake Forest College, who read and criticized the inventory; and to officials and members of the Flat River Association, who generously co-operated in the work.

The Survey gratefully acknowledges the co-operation and support of Miss Charlie Huss, State Supervisor of the Research and Records Program of the Division of Community Service Programs, and members of her staff.

COLBERT F. CRUTCHFIELD, STATE SUPERVISOR  
NORTH CAROLINA HISTORICAL RECORDS SURVEY PROJECT



## EXPLANATORY NOTES

1. The Wake Forest College Library, Wake Forest, N. C., has been designated as the official depository for non-current records of the associations and churches affiliated with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention.
2. The full names of persons mentioned in this inventory are given if this information was available.
3. The information appearing in this publication has been obtained chiefly by Survey workers through personal interviews with pastors and church clerks. It has been supplemented when possible by research in available printed and manuscript sources. Computations of membership and dates of constitution of churches have been obtained when possible from printed minutes of this and other associations to which the particular church has belonged.
4. Occasional references may be made in the entries to churches not included in the inventory. In such cases an entry for the church mentioned normally will be found in the forthcoming volume for the denomination or denominational unit to which the church at present belongs.
5. Gaps in the records listed for some churches are due either to the fact that they were not kept, were destroyed, or were simply not found after a careful search by workers.
6. No particular effort has been made to locate all Sunday School records as they are usually of temporary character. If easily available, they have been listed.
7. Associations referred to are affiliated with the North Carolina State Baptist Convention unless otherwise indicated.
8. A dash (--) placed after a date indicates continuance to present date or to time of survey.



## FLAT RIVER ASSOCIATION

The history of the Flat River Association for the first 34 years of its existence is obscure, as the earliest known minutes of the body are for a session in 1828. Flat River Association was organized in 1794 from the Roanoke Association (Virginia) at Catawba Meeting House, Halifax County, Virginia.<sup>1</sup> The churches represented at the organizational meeting were Grassy Creek, Tabbs Creek, Shearmans (became Tar River), Tanner's, Gardner's,<sup>2</sup> Eno, Camp Creek, Lock (became Concord), Cedar Creek, and Neuse (became New Light).<sup>3</sup>

Flat River Association at one time embraced several of the counties in the north central portion of North Carolina centering around Granville County, and included churches in Durham, Granville, Orange, Person, Vance, Wake, and Warren Counties, as well as a number of churches in Virginia north of the border counties of Person, Granville, and Vance. Since its organization in 1794 the association has experienced only one division. In 1806 a number of churches petitioned for the division of the association, "which was agreed to, and the dividing line described as commencing at Jones Bridge on Hico and running south along the road by Person Court House and Pain's Ordinary to Hillsborough." After this division the churches to the east retained the name of Flat River and the western churches became the Country Line Primitive Baptist Association.<sup>4</sup>

With the division of the association in 1806 much of its territory to the west was lost. Subsequent losses of churches to neighboring associations, chiefly Beulah, Central, Mt. Zion, and Tar River to the west, southwest, south, and east, respectively, further reduced its geographic area. At the present time it covers only Granville County, with the exception of a few churches in Person and Vance Counties and 1 church in Wake County.

There are no records to show the names or number of churches dismissed in the division of 1806, but in 1811 Upper South Hico, Country Line, Lynch's Creek, Lick Fork, Flat River, Lower South Hico, Deep Creek, Stoney Creek, Amity, Wolf Island, and Bridge Meeting House Churches belonged to the Country Line Primitive Baptist Association.<sup>5</sup> It is quite probable that the majority of these were members of the Flat River Association prior to its division in 1806.

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1. Minutes of the Flat River Baptist Association, Held at Camp Creek Meeting House, Orange County, N. C., on the 19th, 20th, and 21st of October, 1833, p. 14. Minutes of the various associations are hereinafter cited as Minutes, with the name of the association and the year.
2. Gardner's was an arm of Tanner's Church (Thomas J. Taylor, A History of the Tar River Association, 1830-1921, pp. 27, 133), and upon the admission of Tanner's into the Tar River Association in 1841, Gardner's automatically became affiliated with Tar River Association.
3. Minutes, Flat River Association, 1893, p. 14.
4. Ibid., 1833, p. 6.
5. David Benedict, General History of the Baptist Denomination in America and Other Parts of the World, II, 526, hereinafter cited as Benedict, History of the Baptist Denomination.



Since its division in 1806 the association has grown rapidly. Between 1794 and 1811 Pritchard's Meeting House and Buffaloe Churches were received into the association.<sup>6</sup> Between 1811 and 1829 New Bethel (became Chestnut Grove and later Friendship), Hester's, and Brassfield were received.<sup>7</sup> Newly constituted churches accepted into the association have included Island Creek in 1820,<sup>8</sup> Bethel in 1830,<sup>9</sup> Olive Branch in 1832,<sup>10</sup> Corinth in 1835,<sup>11</sup> Fellowship in 1840,<sup>12</sup> Shady Hill and Mt. Zion in 1841,<sup>13</sup> Knap of Reeds (as Flat River Union) in 1846,<sup>14</sup> Oxford in 1849,<sup>15</sup> Tally Ho (as Mt. Pleasant) in 1850,<sup>16</sup> Sandy Level in 1854,<sup>17</sup> Amis Chapel and Mt. Harmony (as Five Forks) in 1855,<sup>18</sup> Antioch in 1858,<sup>19</sup> Pleasant Grove in 1859,<sup>20</sup> Mountain Creek in 1860,<sup>21</sup> Mt. Calvary in 1869,<sup>22</sup> Enon in 1876,<sup>23</sup> Mary's Chapel in 1880,<sup>24</sup> Olive Grove in 1882,<sup>25</sup> Bethany in 1883,<sup>26</sup> Rock Spring, Stovall (as Sassafras Fork), and State Line in 1886,<sup>27</sup> Florence Avenue in 1891,<sup>28</sup> Creedmoor in 1896,<sup>29</sup> Sharon in 1897,<sup>30</sup> Knott's Grove in 1902,<sup>31</sup> Bullock's in 1905,<sup>32</sup> Dexter in 1906,<sup>33</sup> Beulah (as Providence) and Rock Grove in 1907,<sup>34</sup> and West Oxford (as South Oxford) in 1910.<sup>35</sup> Other additions came from adjoining associations. From Central Association came Peace's Chapel

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- 6. Minutes, Flat River Association, 1893, p. 14; Benedict, History of the Baptist Denomination, II, 526.
- 7. Ibid.; Minutes, Flat River Association, 1829, MS.
- 8. Minutes, Flat River Association, 1845, p. 12.
- 9. Minutes, Flat River Association, 1830, MS.
- 10. Minutes, Flat River Association, 1832, p. 2.
- 11. Minutes for 1835 were not available. Listed for first time in Minutes, Flat River Association, 1836, p. 4.
- 12. Ibid., 1840, p. 2.
- 13. Ibid., 1841, p. 4.
- 14. Ibid., 1846, p. 2.
- 15. Ibid., 1849, p. 4.
- 16. Ibid., 1850, p. 2.
- 17. Ibid., 1854, p. 2.
- 18. Ibid., 1855, p. 3.
- 19. Ibid., 1858, p. 2.
- 20. Ibid., 1859, p. 3.
- 21. Ibid., 1860, p. 3.
- 22. Ibid., 1869, p. 2.
- 23. Ibid., 1876, p. 15.
- 24. Ibid., 1880, p. 4.
- 25. Ibid., 1882, p. 6.
- 26. Ibid., 1883, p. 4.
- 27. Ibid., 1886, p. 4.
- 28. Ibid., 1891, p. 6.
- 29. Ibid., 1896, p. 10.
- 30. Ibid., 1897, p. 7.
- 31. Ibid., 1902, p. 7.
- 32. Ibid., 1905, p. 21.
- 33. Ibid., 1906, p. 3.
- 34. Ibid., 1907, pp. 5-6.
- 35. Ibid., 1910, p. 7.



in 1890.<sup>36</sup> From Tar River Association came Henderson in 1878.<sup>37</sup> Providence was received from Beulah Association in 1877.<sup>38</sup> Mill Creek, received in 1870,<sup>39</sup> North Fork received in 1876,<sup>40</sup> Roxboro, received in 1882,<sup>41</sup> and Snow Hill, received in 1889,<sup>42</sup> were neither received as newly constituted nor from any other association. Mt. Carmel Church was received between 1811 and 1828.<sup>43</sup> Mt. Moriah Church was received between 1811 and 1830.<sup>44</sup> Poplar Creek Church was a member of the association 1840-56,<sup>45</sup> became inactive, and was received as a reorganized church in 1863.<sup>46</sup> State Line Church, a member of the association 1886-1929,<sup>47</sup> was inactive 1930-39, reorganized in 1940, and plans to join the association at its next annual meeting.

Since its organization the association has lost twenty-five churches, in addition to the ones lost in the division of 1806. To Central Association went Brassfield in 1860,<sup>48</sup> New Bethel in 1867,<sup>49</sup> and New Light (formerly Neuse) and Mary's Chapel in 1921,<sup>50</sup> Bethel and Roxboro, dismissed 1912,<sup>51</sup> Antioch and Mill Creek, dismissed 1916,<sup>52</sup> and Providence, dismissed 1917,<sup>53</sup> became members of Beulah Association.<sup>54</sup> Mt. Moriah, dismissed 1869,<sup>55</sup> and Sandy Level, dismissed 1876,<sup>56</sup> became members of Mt. Zion As-

36. Minutes, Flat River Association, 1890, p. 2.

37. Ibid., 1878, p. 3.

38. Ibid., 1877, p. 5.

39. Ibid., 1870, p. 3.

40. Ibid., 1876, p. 3.

41. Ibid., 1882, p. 6.

42. Ibid., 1889, p. 5.

43. Not listed as a member of the association in 1811, Benedict, History of the Baptist Denomination, II, 526; received into Sandy Creek Association From Flat River Association in 1828, George W. Purefoy, A History of the Sandy Creek Baptist Association From its Organization in A. D. 1758 to A. D. 1858, p. 137, hereinafter cited as Purefoy, History of Sandy Creek Association.

44. Not listed as a member of the association in 1811, Benedict, History of the Baptist Denomination, II, 526; listed as member in 1830, Minutes, Flat River Association, 1830, p. 1.

45. Ibid., 1840, p. 2; 1856, p. 7.

46. Ibid., 1863, p. 3.

47. Ibid., 1886, p. 4; 1929, p. 30.

48. Ibid., 1860, p. 4; Minutes, Central Association, 1860, p. 2.

49. Minutes, Flat River Association, 1866, p. 14; Minutes, Central Association, 1867, p. 2.

50. Minutes, Flat River Association, 1921, p. 11; Minutes, Central Association, 1921, p. 11.

51. Minutes, Flat River Association, 1912, p. 5.

52. Ibid., 1916, p. 16.

53. Ibid., 1917, p. 22.

54. Minutes, Beulah Association, 1912, p. 5; 1913, p. 3; 1916, p. 1; 1917, p. 14.

55. Minutes, Flat River Association, 1869, p. 3.

56. Ibid., 1876, p. 4.



sociation.<sup>57</sup> Tanner's, dismissed 1840,<sup>58</sup> and Henderson, dismissed 1891,<sup>59</sup> became members of Tar River Association.<sup>60</sup> Buffaloe, dismissed 1852,<sup>61</sup> and North Fork, not listed after 1885,<sup>62</sup> were located in Virginia and probably joined a Virginia association. Mt. Carmel Church was received into Sandy Creek Association from Flat River Association in 1828.<sup>63</sup> Eno, Camp Creek, Cedar Creek, and Tar River (formerly Shearman's) became anti-mission in doctrine and were expelled from the association and became Primitive Baptist in 1839.<sup>64</sup> Pritchard's Meeting House was reported to be a member of the association in 1811, but was not listed as a member in 1829.<sup>65</sup> The remaining four churches have simply ceased to be reported as members of the association and probably became defunct near the date last reported. These churches, with the dates of the minutes in which they were last reported, are: Friendship, 1845; Shady Hill, 1861; Mt. Calvary, 1875; and Snow Hill, 1903. Poplar Creek Church was not listed as a member of the association 1856-63, being inactive, but rejoined as a reorganized church in 1863.<sup>66</sup>

The membership of the association has shown a steady increase, with the exception of a slight decrease for a few years. In 1794 the association had a total membership of 200;<sup>67</sup> in 1811, 951;<sup>68</sup> in 1830, 1,532; in 1840, 1,380; in 1850, 2,404; in 1860, 2,847; in 1870, 2,714; in 1880, 2,563; in 1890, 3,978; in 1900, 4,141; in 1910, 5,192; in 1920, 5,529; in 1930, 7,564; and in 1938, 8,389.

The organization of the Flat River Association, like other associations affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention, is simple. In 1831 its working body was composed of three delegates from each of its constituent churches,<sup>69</sup> but in 1847 the constitution was amended to include in this body all ordained ministers of the association and any others having charge of any church within the bounds of the association. These ordained ministers, however, were not entitled to an active seat but were ex officio.<sup>70</sup> In 1831, the constitution provided merely that the association "shall have a moderator and a clerk";<sup>71</sup> in 1838 it provided for the election of these

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- 57. Listed as member of Mt. Zion Association in earliest available minutes, Minutes, Mt. Zion Association, 1876, pp. 7, 22.
- 58. Minutes, Flat River Association, 1840, p. 2.
- 59. Ibid., 1891, p. 5.
- 60. Tanner's Church appears in the earliest available minutes of Tar River Association, Minutes, Tar River Association, 1843, p. 3; Henderson was received in 1892, Minutes, Tar River Association, 1892, p. 4.
- 61. Minutes, Flat River Association, 1852, p. 3.
- 62. Ibid., 1885, p. 14.
- 63. Purefoy, History of Sandy Creek Association, p. 137.
- 64. Minutes, Flat River Association, 1893, pp. 14-16.
- 65. Benedict, History of the Baptist Denomination, II, 526; Minutes, Flat River Baptist Association, 1829, MS.
- 66. Minutes, Flat River Association, 1863, p. 3.
- 67. Ibid., 1893, p. 14.
- 68. Benedict, History of the Baptist Denomination, II, 526.
- 69. Minutes, Flat River Association, 1831, p. 5.
- 70. Ibid., 1847, p. 15.
- 71. Ibid., 1831, p. 5.



officers and stated that the clerk was to receive an annual compensation for his services.<sup>72</sup> A treasurer of the association was appointed. The association had the power to admit churches by petition if found orderly and orthodox; to appoint committees; to appoint a presbytery whose power it was to ordain ministers and constitute churches (however, in 1838 this later power was taken from the association "as a presbytery has long been dispensed with by the association"<sup>73</sup>); to withdraw from any church in the union which departed from the orthodox principle; and to assist its constituent churches in all difficulties.<sup>74</sup> In 1862 the constitution was completely revised.<sup>75</sup> This new constitution provided for a working body consisting of three delegates from each of the constituent churches,<sup>76</sup> but was amended in 1866 to include, with full power, the pastors of the churches of the association.<sup>77</sup> The constitutional officers were a moderator, a clerk, and a treasurer, who were to be elected by ballot at each annual meeting.<sup>78</sup> This provision was amended in 1923 to read "....who shall be elected by ballot at one annual meeting to serve at the next."<sup>79</sup> In 1928 it was changed again to provide that these officers be elected by ballot at each annual meeting and hold office until a new election, to be held at the next session of the association.<sup>80</sup> In 1917 an amendment was added which provided that the clerk of the preceding meeting of the association was to call the body to order, and, in the absence of the clerk, the pastor of the church at which the meeting was being held should act as temporary chairman.<sup>81</sup> This provision was dropped from the constitution in 1920.<sup>82</sup> It is the duty of the moderator to preside at meetings, appoint committees, and perform such other duties as are required of presiding officers. The clerk is to keep a record of the proceedings of the association, to conduct the correspondence, and, in the absence of the moderator to call the association to order. The treasurer has charge of all funds of the association and may disburse them only under the direction of the association. At the close of his official term he must report the amounts received and expended. Committees are usually appointed to encourage subscriptions to religious periodicals; to solicit support for missions and for various denominational institutions; to encourage attendance at denominational schools; to stimulate Sunday Schools; and to select the date, place, and preacher for the next annual meeting.<sup>83</sup> The permanent records of each association are kept only in the form of printed minutes of the annual sessions, which include lists of delegates and of committee mem-

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- 72. Minutes, Flat River Association, 1838, p. 6; the constitution has evidently been amended to cover this change.
- 73. Ibid., 1838, p. 7.
- 74. Ibid., passim.
- 75. Ibid., 1862, p. 5.
- 76. Ibid., p. 1.
- 77. Ibid., 1866, p. 5.
- 78. Ibid., 1862, p. 1.
- 79. Ibid., 1923, p. 19.
- 80. Ibid., 1928, p. 1. The constitution has evidently been amended to cover this change, however, no official mention of an amendment is found.
- 81. Ibid., 1917, verso front cover.
- 82. Ibid., 1920, verso front cover.
- 83. Ibid., passim.



bers; a record of proceedings; reports of committees; financial reports; and statistical reports covering membership, Sunday Schools, property, and finances of the constituent churches.

Since 1828 the following men have served the association as moderators:<sup>84</sup>

Zachariah Allen . . . . .	1828-33, 1836-39
W. H. Jordon . . . . .	1840-43
William Jones . . . . .	1845
Elijah Hester . . . . .	1846-48, 1850-54
Drury A. Norris . . . . .	1849
Samuel Wait . . . . .	1855
G. W. Thompson . . . . .	1856
J. H. Mills . . . . .	1857-60
W. A. Atkinson . . . . .	1861-68
R. H. Marsh . . . . .	1869-70
R. I. Devin . . . . .	1871-72
J. A. Stradley . . . . .	1873-75, 1899-1906
F. R. Underwood . . . . .	1876-77, 1880
W. D. Horner . . . . .	1878-79
A. M. Veazey . . . . .	1881
F. P. Hobgood . . . . .	1882-88
T. H. Street . . . . .	1889-91
A. C. Parham . . . . .	1892-93
B. S. Royster . . . . .	1896-98
P. H. Fountain . . . . .	1907-12
W. A. Devin . . . . .	1913-16
C. D. Ray . . . . .	1917
E. P. Meadows . . . . .	1918-19
J. S. Watkins . . . . .	1920-21
F. W. Hancock . . . . .	1922-26
W. H. Upchurch . . . . .	1928-36
W. D. Poe . . . . .	1937-40

Since 1828 the following men have served the association as clerks:<sup>85</sup>

W. A. Hudgins . . . . .	1828-32
Thomas B. Barret . . . . .	1836-47
Robert I. Devin . . . . .	1848-58
Edward Dalby . . . . .	1859-65
R. F. Hester . . . . .	1866-69, 1876, 1885-86
J. J. Lonsdale . . . . .	1870-75, 1883-84
R. Amis . . . . .	1877-80
B. U. Howard . . . . .	1881
B. D. Howard . . . . .	1882
W. P. Stradley . . . . .	1887
C. T. Wilson . . . . .	1888

84. Minutes, Flat River Association, passim.

85. Ibid.



B. S. Royster . . . . .	.1889-90
J. G. Blalock . . . . .	.1891-93
W. L. Foushee . . . . .	.1894-97
J. C. Howard . . . . .	.1898-1916
E. G. Usry . . . . .	.1917-22
W. R. Mangum . . . . .	.1925-26
Sam A. Howard . . . . .	.1928-40

1. PRITCHARD'S MEETING HOUSE, date of organization and of disbandment unknown. Near Chapel Hill, Orange County.<sup>1</sup>

No records located.

2. GRASSY CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH, ca. 1762--. Route #4, Oxford, Granville County.

Constituted about 1762. Operated as an arm of Sandy Creek Church about 1757-62.<sup>2</sup> A member of Sandy Creek Association 1762-71; of General Association (Virginia), 1771-83; probably of Middle District Association (Virginia), 1784-88; of Roanoke Association (Virginia), 1788-93; and of Flat River Association, 1794--.<sup>3</sup> First building, 1757-1833, a frame structure. Second building, 1833-1936, a frame structure 200 yards from first site; remodeled 1879. Present building, 1936--, a rectangular red brick structure with concrete porch and steps, main auditorium, two assembly rooms, eight Sunday School rooms, basement, double front doors, and stained-glass windows; dedicated October 1936. Forty-two members dismissed to organize Island Creek Church in 1820 (see entry 5). A number of members dismissed to organize Hester Baptist Church in 1823 (see entry 7). First resident clergyman, Rev. James Read, 1762-70, 1778-79.<sup>4</sup> The church has reported a Sunday School since 1872. Church membership in 1790, 120;<sup>5</sup>

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1. Purefoy, History of Sandy Creek Association, p. 266. Listed by Benedict, History of the Baptist Denomination, II, 526, as a member of Flat River Association in 1811; not listed as a member of the association thereafter in any of the minutes of the association. Efforts to locate records or other material evidences of the existence of this church have been unsuccessful.
2. George W. Paschal, History of North Carolina Baptists, p. 300; herein-after cited as Paschal, History of the Baptists.
3. Ibid., p. 302. Paschal states that Grassy Creek Church was a member of General Association from the organization of the association in 1771 until the organization of Roanoke Association in 1788. However, Middle District Association was organized in 1784 from General Association and Roanoke Association was organized from Middle District Association in 1788 (Robert B. Semple, A History of the Rise and Progress of the Baptists in Virginia, pp. 194, 283); therefore it is quite probable that Grassy Creek Church was a member of Middle District Association 1784-88 and went into Roanoke Association at the division of Middle District in 1788.
4. Paschal, History of the Baptists, p. 301.
5. John Asplund, The Annual Register of the Baptist Denomination in North America, p. 37.



in 1811, 113;<sup>6</sup> in 1830, 68; in 1840, 233; in 1850, 258; in 1860, 367; in 1880, 259; in 1890, 199; in 1900, 207; in 1910, 185; in 1920, 272; in 1930, 295; and in 1938, 320.

Record Book, 1832-1923, 1925--. 4 vols. Includes minutes of church conferences; church covenant and bylaws; membership rolls, showing how and when received and dismissed; and names of pastors. Includes also names of church officials, 1880-1921, and financial records, 1880--. In custody of Mr. Charles D. Winston, Nelson, Va.

Miscellaneous, 1913-23. 1 vol. Includes rough notes on minutes of church conferences; membership rolls; and record of baptisms, receipts, and disbursements. In custody of Mr. Charles D. Winston.

Woman's Missionary Society record, 1938--. 1 vol. Includes minutes of meetings; membership rolls; and financial records. In custody of Mrs. C. D. Winston, Nelson, Va.

Robert I. Devin, History of Grassy Creek Church from its Foundation to 1880, Raleigh, N. C., Edwards, Broughton, and Co., 1880. D. T. Winston, History of Grassy Creek Baptist Church, MS.

3. TABBS CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH, ca. 1792-1883, 1906--.  
Route #3, Oxford, Granville County.

Constituted about 1792 by Mr. George Robbards.<sup>7</sup> This was one of the churches dismissed from Roanoke Association to organize Flat River Association in 1794.<sup>8</sup> Services, 1792-94, held in dwelling house. First building, 1794-1883, a one-room frame structure. Church site was donated by Mr. James Parham, Sr., and when the church became inactive, the site reverted to the estate of Mr. Parham. A number of members dismissed to organize Hester Baptist Church 1823 (see entry 7). Reorganized by Elder Albert C. Parham in 1906 with fifteen charter members in schoolhouse at Dickerson's Station where services were held until 1907. Received into Flat River Association 1906.<sup>9</sup> Present building, 1907--, a frame structure, 40' x 50', with plain-glass windows; dedicated 1910. Church site donated by Mr. James Parham, Jr. The church has reported a Sunday School since 1877. Church membership in 1806, 60; <sup>10</sup> in 1830, 60; in 1840, 29; in 1850, 90; in 1860, 123; in 1870, 35; in 1907, 17; in 1917, 130; and in 1938, 138.

Record Book, 1906--. 2 vols. Includes minutes of the church conferences and board of deacons; membership rolls, showing how and when received and dismissed; and record of baptisms, marriages, deaths, receipts, and disbursements. In custody of Mr. William H. Currin, Route #3, Oxford, N. C. Sunday School record, 1935--. 5 vols. Includes membership rolls; names of teachers and officers; secretary's reports; and record of receipts and disbursements. Kept at church.

6. Benedict, History of the Baptist Denomination, II, 526.

7. Minutes, Flat River Association, 1845, p. 10.

8. Ibid., 1893, p. 14.

9. Ibid., 1906, p. 4.

10. Benedict, History of the Baptist Denomination, II, 526.



Woman's Missionary Society record, 1936--. 2 vols. Includes minutes of the meetings; membership rolls; names of officers and dates of their elections; and record of appointment of committees and their reports, receipts, and disbursements. In custody of Mrs. William H. Currin, Route #3, Oxford, N. C.

4. CONCORD BAPTIST CHURCH, ca. 1794--, Route #2, Creedmoor, Granville County. (Lock Meeting House, ca. 1794-1836)

Constituted about 1794. A member of Flat River Association 1794--.<sup>11</sup> No information available concerning services 1794-1805. Present building, 1805--, a one-room rectangular frame structure with frosted-glass windows, double front doors, and a door on either side; church equipped with chairs instead of pews; slave gallery removed 1887; building underpinned and repaired 1930; and electric lights installed 1939. Mother church of Creedmoor Baptist Church (see entry 31). First resident clergyman, Rev. James Weathers. The church has reported a Sunday School since 1872. Church membership in 1811, 33;<sup>12</sup> in 1830, 102; in 1840, 98; in 1850, 130; in 1860, 140; in 1870, 144; in 1880, 96; in 1890, 104; in 1900, 109; in 1910, 110; in 1920, 124; in 1930, 123; and in 1939, 148.

Record Book, 1857--.<sup>13</sup> 2 vols. Includes minutes of church conferences; rules of decorum; church bylaws; membership rolls, showing how and when received and dismissed; and record of receipts and disbursements. In custody of Mr. C. C. Currin, Northside, N. C.

Sunday School record, 1926-29, 1931-32, 1934--. 8 vols. Includes membership rolls; names of teachers; and record of date of admittance of scholars, attendance, and collections. Kept at church.

C. C. Currin, History of Concord Baptist Church, MS., in custody of Mr. Currin.

5. ISLAND CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH, 1820--. Route #5, Henderson, Vance County.

Constituted November 27, 1820, by forty-two members of Grassy Creek Baptist Church (see entry 2). Received into Flat River Association 1820.<sup>14</sup> First building, 1820-40, a frame structure 3 miles east of Bullock, N. C.; moved to present site 1840. Second building, 1840-1911, a frame structure on present site. Present building, 1911--, a one-room frame structure with main auditorium, five Sunday School rooms, stained-glass windows, and seating capacity of 500; dedicated 1915. A number of members dismissed to organize Dexter Baptist Church in 1906 (see entry 35). First resident clergyman, Rev. William B. Worrell, 1821-25. The church has reported a Sunday School since 1872. Church membership in 1820, 42;<sup>15</sup> in 1830, 93;

11. One of the churches which organized Flat River Association in 1794, Minutes, Flat River Association, 1893, p. 14.

12. Benedict, History of the Baptist Denomination, p. 526.

13. Worker of the Historical Records Survey was unable to gain access to the Record Book, 1898--, but was informed that the records had been kept.

14. Minutes, Flat River Association, 1845, p. 12.

15. Ibid.



in 1840, 122; in 1850, 166; in 1860, 248; in 1870, 90; in 1880, 170; in 1890, 204; in 1900, 215; in 1910, 270; in 1920, 423; in 1930, 461; and in 1838, 490.

Record Book, 1868--. 1 vol. Includes minutes of church conferences; church covenant; membership rolls, showing how and when received and dismissed; names of pastors; and record of baptisms, marriages, deaths, receipts, and disbursements. In custody of Mr. G. W. Norwood, Route #3, Henderson, N. C.

Sunday School record, 1936--. 3 vols. Includes membership rolls and record of attendance, receipts, and disbursements. In custody of Mr. G. W. Norwood.

Anonymous, History of Island Creek Baptist Church, MS, Wake Forest College Library, Wake Forest, N. C.

6. FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH, 1822-45. Rodgers Store, Durham County. (New Bethel, 1822-37; Chestnut Grove, 1837-39)

Constituted 1822 in Wake County by Elders James Ferrell and William Fertling with forty-five charter members. About 1840 the church divided over an anti-mission movement<sup>16</sup> and moved to Durham County. A member of Flat River Association as early as 1829.<sup>17</sup>

No records located.

7. HESTER BAPTIST CHURCH, 1823--. Route #4, Oxford, Granville County.

Constituted Saturday before the second Sunday in September 1823, by Elders Robert T. Daniel and Samuel Duty and members of Grassy Creek (see entry 2), Tabbs Creek (see entry 3), and Tar River (see inventory of Lower Country Line Primitive Baptist Association). A member of Flat River Association as early as 1829.<sup>18</sup> Church named in honor of Capt. Benjamin Hester, who donated church site and building. First building, 1823-41, a log structure, 20' x 20'. Second building, about 1841-1918, a frame structure. Present building, 1918--, a cross-shaped brick structure with vestibule, main auditorium, seven Sunday School rooms, stained-glass windows, steeple, and seating capacity of 500; dedicated July 14, 1918. Mother church of Enon Church (see entry 22). First resident clergyman, Rev. William B. Norrell. The church has reported a Sunday School since 1872. Church membership in 1823, 18;<sup>19</sup> in 1832, 118; in 1842, 242; in 1852, 303; in 1862, 265; in 1872, 124; in 1882, 178; in 1892, 209; in 1902, 232; in 1912, 234; in 1922, 425; in 1932, 405; and in 1939, 445.

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16. Minutes, Flat River Association, 1845, pp. 11-12.

17. Minutes, Flat River, 1829, MS.

18. Ibid.

19. Minutes, Flat River Association, 1845, p. 12.



Record Book, 1837-95, 1900--. 5 vols. Includes minutes of church conferences; church covenant and bylaws; membership rolls, showing how and when received and dismissed; and record of deaths, receipts, and disbursements. Includes also reports to the association, 1935--. In custody of Mr. C. N. Hobgood, Route #4, Oxford, N. C. Records, 1896-99, destroyed by fire.

Financial record, 1936--. 4 vols. Includes record of receipts and disbursements. In custody of Mr. N. F. Hobgood, Route #4, Oxford, N. C. Sunday School record, 1937--. 1 vol. Includes membership rolls; names of teachers; secretary's reports; and record of attendance and collections. Kept at church.

Woman's Missionary Society record, 1938--. 1 vol. Includes membership rolls and record of attendance and collections. In custody of Miss Crawford Hobgood, Route #4, Oxford, N. C.

8. OLIVE BRANCH BAPTIST CHURCH, 1831--. Person County, Route #4, Virgilina, Va.

Constituted 1831 in Bethel Meeting House with fifty-nine charter members from Bethel Baptist Church (see inventory of Beulah Association). Received into Flat River Association 1832.<sup>20</sup> First building, dates of use unknown, a log structure. Second building, in use at present, a frame structure with main auditorium, four Sunday School rooms, plain-glass windows, and seating capacity of 500; remodeled 1935. A number of members dismissed to organize Florence Avenue Baptist Church in 1891 (see entry 30). First resident clergyman, Rev. James King, 1831-45.<sup>21</sup> The church has reported a Sunday School since 1873. Church membership in 1831, 61;<sup>22</sup> in 1841, 142; in 1851, 179; in 1861, 202; in 1871, 150; in 1881, 136; in 1891, 190; in 1901, 108; in 1911, 114; in 1921, 135; in 1931, 158; and in 1939, 295.

Record Book, 1936--. 1 vol. Includes minutes of church conferences. In custody of Mr. Clyde Powell, Route #4, Virgilina, Va.

Church Register, 1936--. 1 vol. Includes membership rolls and record of baptisms, marriages, and deaths. In custody of Mr. Clyde Powell.

Financial record, 1932--. 1 vol. Includes record of receipts and disbursements. In custody of Mr. C. S. Loftis, Route #2, Woodsdale, N. C. Sunday School record, 1938--. 1 vol. Includes membership rolls; names of teachers; and record of attendance and collections. Kept at church.

Mrs. Virginia Jones, History of Olive Branch Baptist Church, MS., in custody of Mrs. Jones, Route #4, Virgilina, Va.

Mrs. C. P. Sanford, History of the Olive Branch Baptist Church, Person County, North Carolina, MS, Wake Forest College Library, Wake Forest, N. C.

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20. Minutes, Flat River Association, 1832, p. 2.

21. Ibid., 1845, p. 11.

22. Ibid.



9. CORINTH BAPTIST CHURCH, 1835--. Route #2, Oxford,  
Granville County.

Constituted August 1, 1835, by Rev. Zachariah Allen and James Weathers. Services had previously been held in this vicinity by Rev. Allen since 1832. A member of Flat River Association as early as 1836.<sup>23</sup> First building, 1835-57, a frame structure built by Mr. J. E. Allen. Second building, 1857-1926, a frame structure. Present building, 1927--, a T-shaped red brick structure with main auditorium, four Sunday School rooms, concrete porch and steps, wood columns, frosted-glass windows, Delco light system, and seating capacity of 300; dedicated October 1927. A number of members dismissed to organize Knott's Grove Baptist Church in 1901 (see entry 33). First resident clergyman, Rev. Zachariah Allen, 1835-42. The church has reported a Sunday School since 1872. Church membership in 1835, 14;<sup>24</sup> in 1845, 102; in 1855, 141; in 1864, 130; in 1874, 100; in 1884, 139; in 1893, 140; in 1903, 125; in 1913, 121; in 1923, 148; in 1933, 199; and in 1939, 180.

Record Book, 1842-70, 1872-89, 1929-36, 1938--. 2 vols. Includes minutes of church conferences; church constitution; membership rolls, showing how and when received and dismissed; Sunday School reports; and record of receipts and disbursements. 1 vol., 1842-70, 1872-99, in custody of Mr. Sam H. Usry, Route #2, Oxford, N. C.; 1 vol., 1929-36, 1938--, in custody of Mr. Clifton Land, Route #2, Oxford, N. C.

10. POPLAR CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH, 1836-56, 1863--. Route #3,  
Henderson, Vance County. (Floyd's, 1836-56)

Constituted 1836 by Rev. Samuel Duty and Rev. Josiah Crudup.<sup>25</sup> Received into Flat River Association 1840.<sup>26</sup> No information available concerning its history or places of worship 1836-56. Reorganized and received into Flat River Association 1863.<sup>27</sup> Present building, 1863--, a one-room frame structure with plain-glass windows, belfry, bell, and seating capacity of 400. First resident clergyman, Rev. Josiah Crudup. The church has reported a Sunday School since 1871. Church membership in 1840, 15; in 1845, 135; in 1863, 30; in 1873, 97; in 1883, 119, in 1893, 146; in 1903, 114; in 1913, 111; in 1923, 128; in 1933, 175; and in 1938, 91.

Record Book, 1914--. 1 vol. Includes minutes of church conferences; membership rolls; names of pastors; and record of baptisms, marriages, deaths, receipts, and disbursements. In custody of Mrs. H. B. Parrott, Route #4, Henderson, N. C.

Sunday School record, 1927--. 5 vols. Includes membership rolls and record of attendance, receipts, and disbursements. In custody of Mr. S. T. LeMay, Route #3, Henderson, N. C.

23. Minutes of the Flat River Association for 1835 were not available. Minutes, Flat River Association, 1836, p. 4.

24. Ibid., 1845, p. II.

25. Ibid., p. 10.

26. Ibid., 1840, p. 2.

27. Ibid., 1863, p. 3.



Mrs. H. B. Parrott, History of Poplar Creek Baptist Church, Raleigh, N. C., Bynum Printing Co., 1930 (a copy is available at Wake Forest College Library, Wake Forest, N. C.).

11. FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH, 1840--. Route #2, Creedmoor, Granville County.

Constituted April 26, 1840.<sup>28</sup> Received into Flat River Association 1840.<sup>29</sup> First building, 1840-80, a log structure. Second building, 1880-1922, a frame structure; torn down and sold to Mr. L. V. Keith. Present building, 1922--, a cross-shaped frame structure with main auditorium, vestibule, seven Sunday School rooms, acetylene lights, steeple, and seating capacity of 500; dedicated 1922. Church site donated by Mr. J. H. Perry. First resident clergyman, Rev. Zachariah Allen, 1840-44. The church has reported a Sunday School since 1893. Church membership in 1840, 2; in 1850, 40; in 1860, 35; in 1870, 90; in 1880, 90; in 1890, 86; in 1900, 121; in 1910, 148; in 1920, 162; in 1930, 195; and in 1939, 209.

Record Book, 1840--. 4 vols. Includes minutes of church conferences; church constitution; membership rolls, showing how and when received and dismissed; and financial reports. Includes also dates members received or dismissed, 1898-1922. In custody of Mr. Wilbur T. O'Briant, Route #2, Creedmoor, N. C.

Financial record, 1936--. 6 vols. Includes record of receipts and disbursements. In custody of Mr. Alvis Whittaker, Route #1, Creedmoor, N. C.

Sunday School record, 1928-31, 1934-35, 1938--. 3 vols. Includes membership rolls by department and class; secretary's and superintendent's reports; and names of officers and teachers. Kept at church.

Sunday School record, 1938--. 1 vol. Includes record of receipts and disbursements for Sunday School purposes. In custody of Mr. Wilbur T. O'Briant.

12. MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH, 1840--. Berea, Granville County.

Constituted October 28, 1840, by Rev. Robert McNabb and Rev. A. L. Wynn, with eighteen charter members. Received into Flat River Association 1841.<sup>30</sup> The congregation has occupied two buildings prior to the present one, but the dates of their use are not available. Present building is a one-room rectangular brick structure with stained-glass windows, Delco light system, and seating capacity of 500; dedicated 1893. Eight members dismissed to organize Bethany Baptist Church in 1883 (see entry 24). First resident clergyman, Rev. Robert McNabb, 1840-42. The church has reported a Sunday School since 1872. Church membership in 1840, 18;<sup>31</sup> in 1850, 86; in 1860, 105; in 1870, 133; in 1880, 179; in 1890, 214; in 1900, 191; in 1910, 147; in 1920, 175; in 1930, 233; and in 1939, 216.

28. Minutes, Flat River Association, 1845, p. 11.

29. Ibid., 1840, p. 2.

30. Ibid., 1841, p. 4.

31. Ibid., 1845, p. 10.



Record Book, 1840-89, 1934--. 3 vols. Includes minutes of church conferences; membership rolls, showing how and when received and dismissed; reports to the association; Sunday School reports; and financial records of church and Sunday School. Includes also roll of Negro members, showing how and when received and dismissed and to whom they belonged, 1840-89; and names of church officials, 1934--. In custody of Mr. N. J. Jones, Route #1, Oxford, N. C.

13. SHADY HILL BAPTIST CHURCH, 1840-61. Caldwell, Orange County.

Constituted 1840 by Rev. William Jones and Mr. James Denrie with seven charter members. A member of Flat River Association 1841-61.<sup>32</sup> First resident clergyman, Rev. William Jones, 1840-61. Church membership in 1840, 7; in 1850, 40; and in 1854, 11.

No records located.

14. KMAP OF REEDS BAPTIST CHURCH, ca. 1846--. Knap of Reeds, Granville County. (Flat River Union, ca. 1846-1902)

Constituted about 1846 by members of Tar River, Camp Creek, Eno, and Cedar Creek Primitive Baptist Churches who were not in sympathy with the anti-mission views of their respective churches (see inventory of Lower Country Line Primitive Baptist Association).<sup>33</sup> Received into Flat River Association as a "new church" in 1846.<sup>34</sup> First building, about 1846-56, a log structure; located in Orange County  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles west of present site. Second building, 1856-1904, a frame structure. Present building, 1904--, a T-shaped frame structure with main auditorium, one assembly room, ten Sunday School rooms, frosted-glass windows in auditorium, and plain-glass windows in Sunday School rooms, basement, Delco light system, steeple, and seating capacity of 300; dedicated 1904. The church has reported a Sunday School since 1879. Church membership in 1846, 46; in 1856, 87; in 1866, 169; in 1876, 94; in 1886, 127; in 1896, 140; in 1902, 132; in 1913, 129; in 1923, 160; in 1933, 170; and in 1939, 172.

Record Book, 1884--. 3 vols. Includes minutes of church conferences; articles of faith; church covenant; rules of decorum; and membership rolls, showing how and when received and dismissed. In custody of Mr. Armed Tilley, Bahama, N. C.

Financial record, 1938--. 2 vols. Includes record of receipts and disbursements. In custody of Miss Stella Tilley, Bahama, N. C.

Sunday School record, 1935--. 1 vol. Includes membership rolls, names of teachers, and record of attendance and collections. Kept at church.

15. OXFORD FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, 1848--. Main and Spring Sts., Oxford, Granville County.

Constituted September 2, 1848, with fifteen charter members. Received into

32. Minutes, Flat River Association, 1841, p. 3; 1861, p. 4.

33. Ibid., 1893, p. 16.

34. Ibid., 1846, p. 2.



Flat River Association 1849.<sup>35</sup> First building, 1848-96, a frame structure; donated by Mr. R. N. Herndon; dedicated 1848. Second building, 1896-1928, a red brick structure with art-glass windows, belfry, and bell; dedicated December 30, 1900. Present building, 1928--, a cream-colored brick structure with fifty-seven Sunday School rooms, seven assembly rooms, basement with kitchen and dining room, pipe organ, art-glass windows, belfry, bell, and main auditorium with seating capacity of 800. First resident clergyman, Rev. R. I. Devin, 1848-56. The church has reported a Sunday School since 1872. Church membership in 1848, 15;<sup>36</sup> in 1858, 77; in 1868, 67; in 1878, 90; in 1888, 166; in 1898, 254; in 1908, 495; in 1918, 600; in 1928, 796; and in 1938, 991.

Record Book, 1881--, 5 vols. Includes minutes of church conferences; membership rolls; record of Sunday School activities; names of church and Sunday School officials; reports to the association; and financial records. Includes also minutes of the board of deacons, 1894-1920; record of members received and dismissed, 1881-94, 1909-20; record of deaths, 1909-20; and reports from Woman's Auxiliary and Baptist Young People's Union, 1920--. 3 vols., 1881-1920, kept at church; 1 vol., 1920-30, in custody of Mr. W. H. Upchurch, Oxford, N. C.; 1 vol., 1930--, in custody of Miss Inez Hobgood, Oxford, N. C.

Church Register, 1883-1908. 1 vol. Includes membership rolls, showing how and when received and dismissed; names of church officials; record of deaths; and financial reports. Kept at church.

Roll Book, 1920--. 1 vol. Includes membership rolls, showing how and when received and dismissed. In custody of Miss Inez Hobgood.

Board of Deacon's record, 1914--. 1 vol. Includes minutes of the board of deacons. Kept at church.

16. TALLY-HO BAPTIST CHURCH, ca. 1850--. Route #1, Stem,  
Granville County. (Mt. Pleasant, ca. 1850-55)

Constituted about 1850 by Messrs. R. I. Devin, William W. Cozart, Thomas J. Avery, J. C. Bumpass, and others. Received into Flat River Association as a "newly constituted" church 1850.<sup>37</sup> The congregation has occupied three previous buildings on the present site, but the dates of their use are not available. Present building, 1908--, is a one-room rectangular frame structure with frosted-glass windows, double front doors, and with a seating capacity of 300; dedicated 1908. Thirty members dismissed to organize Providence Baptist Church in 1907 (see entry 37). First resident clergyman, Rev. R. I. Devin. The church has reported a Sunday School since 1877. Church membership in 1850, 10; in 1855, 35; in 1866, 87; in 1876, 84; in 1886, 129; in 1897, 184; in 1907, 167; in 1917, 210; in 1927, 259; and in 1938, 219.

Record Book, 1910--. 1 vol. Includes minutes of church conferences; membership rolls, showing how and when received and dismissed; names of church and Sunday School officials; and financial records for church and Sunday School. In custody of Mr. Harold Stem, Route #1, Stem, N. C.

35. Minutes, Flat River Association, 1849, p. 4.

36. Ibid., 1896, p. 2.

37. Ibid., 1850, p. 2.



Sunday School record, 1932--. 5 vols. Includes membership rolls; names of officers and teachers; and record of attendance and collection. Kept at church.

17. AMIS CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH, 1855--. Granville County, Route #2, Virgilina, Va.

Constituted April 29, 1855. Received into Flat River Association 1855.<sup>38</sup> First building, dates of use unknown, a frame structure. Second building, in use at present, a rectangular frame structure with plain-glass windows and seating capacity of 300; dedicated 1885. A number of members dismissed to organize Florence Avenue Baptist Church in 1891 (see entry 30). First resident clergyman, Rev. R. I. Devin, 1855. The church has reported a Sunday School since 1872. Church membership in 1855, 22; in 1866, 97; in 1876, 134; in 1886, 182; in 1896, 166; in 1906, 184; in 1916, 211; in 1926, 235; and in 1938, 237.

Record Book, 1899--. 3 vols. Includes minutes of church conferences; church covenant; rules of decorum; membership rolls; and financial records. Includes also record of deaths and members received, 1924--. 1 vol., 1899-1924, in custody of Mr. A. A. Hicks, Oxford, N. C.; 2 vols., 1924--, in custody of Mr. Ernest D. Frazier, Route #2, Virgilina, Va.

R. C. Pittard and E. D. Frazier, A History of Amis Chapel Baptist Church, MS, Wake Forest College Library, Wake Forest, N. C.

18. MT. HARMONY BAPTIST CHURCH, ca. 1855--. Route #1, Roxboro, Person County. (Five Forks, ca. 1855-57).

Constituted about 1855. Received into Flat River Association as a "newly constituted" church 1855.<sup>39</sup> First building, 1855-98, a log structure located about 3 miles east of present site on land donated by Mr. Mark Oakley. Second building, 1898-1936, a frame structure; dedicated June 1906. This building was destroyed by fire and services were held in Mt. Harmony schoolhouse 1936-37. Present building, 1937--, a frame structure with main auditorium, seven Sunday School rooms, plain-glass windows, steeple, and seating capacity of 500; dedicated May 1938. First resident clergyman, Rev. W. E. Oakley, 1855-65. The church has reported a Sunday School since 1880. Church membership in 1855, 25; in 1858, 33; in 1868, 40; in 1878, 41; in 1888, 59; in 1898, 58; in 1900, 54; in 1919, 55; in 1929, 116; and in 1939, 188.

Record Book, 1913--. 1 vol. Includes minutes of church conferences; membership rolls; names of pastors and committee members; and financial records. In custody of Mr. John R. Jones, Route #1, Timberlake, N. C. Financial record, 1937--. 2 vols. Includes record of receipts and disbursements. 1 vol., 1937-38, in custody of Mr. John R. Jones; 1 vol., 1939--, in custody of Mr. Willie Jones, Route #1, Timberlake, N. C.

38. Minutes, Flat River Association, 1855, p. 3.

39. Ibid.



Building Fund record, 1937-38. 1 vol. Includes record of receipts and disbursements of building fund for present building. In custody of Mr. John R. Jones.

Sunday School record, 1938--. 1 vol. Includes membership rolls; names of officers; and record of attendance and collections. In custody of Mr. Willie Jones.

19. PLEASANT GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH, 1859--. Route #1, Creedmoor, Granville County.

Constituted April 6, 1859, by Elders Herman Freeman and A. C. Blackley and twenty-five charter members. Received into Flat River Association as a newly constituted church 1859.<sup>40</sup> Services were held under brush arbor until present building constructed. Present building is a frame structure with plain-glass windows and seating capacity of 500. First resident clergyman, Rev. J. H. Layton, 1859-65. The church has reported a Sunday School since 1879. Church membership in 1859, 36; in 1879, 61; in 1889, 68; in 1899, 97; in 1909, 168; in 1919, 285; in 1929, 194; and in 1939, 218.

Record Book, 1859-85, 1888--. 4 vols. Includes minutes of church conferences. Includes also membership rolls, showing how and when received and dismissed, and record of baptisms and deaths, 1859-85, 1888-1937. In custody of Mr. Willie Fuller, Route #1, Creedmoor, N. C. Church Register, 1938--. 1 vol. Includes membership rolls, showing how and when received and dismissed, and record of baptisms and deaths. In custody of Mr. Willie Fuller.

Baptist Young People's Union record, 1924--. 5 vols. Includes minutes of meetings and record of attendance and contributions. Kept at church.

Mrs. Macy Newton, History of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, 1858-1930, MS.

20. MOUNTAIN CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH, 1860--. Route #4, Oxford, Granville County.

Constituted fourth Sunday in May 1860. Received into Flat River Association 1860.<sup>41</sup> First building, dates of use unknown, a wooden structure. Second building, used until 1918, a frame structure. Present building, 1918--, a cross-shaped red brick structure with vestibule, main auditorium, seven Sunday School rooms, stained-glass windows, steeple, and seating capacity of 325; dedicated 1918. Twenty-five members dismissed in 1896 to organize Sharon Baptist Church (see entry 32). First resident clergyman, Rev. R. I. Devin, 1860-62. The church has reported a Sunday School since 1872. Church membership in 1860, 35; in 1870, 212; in 1880, 214; in 1890, 212; in 1900, 229; in 1910, 263; in 1920, 315; in 1930, 364; and in 1939, 457.

Record Book, 1860-1900, 1918--. 3 vols. Includes minutes of church conferences; church constitution; rules of decorum; names of charter members;

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40. Minutes, Flat River Association, 1859, p. 3.

41. Ibid., 1860, p. 3.



and membership rolls, showing how and when received and dismissed. In custody of Mr. R. T. Eakes, Route #4, Oxford, N. C. Financial record, 1939--. 1 vol. Includes record of receipts and disbursements. In custody of Mr. R. L. Eakes, Route #4, Oxford, N. C. Sunday School record, 1938--. 1 vol. Includes membership rolls and record of attendance. Kept at church. Woman's Missionary Society record, 1933--. 1 vol. Includes minutes of meetings; membership rolls; and record of attendance and contributions. In custody of Mrs. Ollie Eakes, Route #3, Oxford, N. C.

R. T. Eakes, History of Mountain Creek Church, MS., in custody of author.

21. MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, 1869-75. 8 miles northeast of Durham, Durham County.

Constituted 1869 by Rev. J. F. McDuffy, Rev. Jessie Howell, Mr. W. H. Holloway, Miss Sallie Ann Nickols, and others in a dwelling house.<sup>42</sup> This building was used until the church disbanded. Received into Flat River Association 1869.<sup>43</sup> First resident clergyman, Rev. J. H. Layton, 1869-73. Church membership in 1870, 74, and in 1874, 50.

No records located.

22. ENON BAPTIST CHURCH, 1875--. Route #2, Oxford, Granville County.

Constituted 1875 with forty-three charter members. Received into Flat River Association 1875.<sup>44</sup> First building, 1875-1917, a frame structure. Present building, 1917--, a frame structure with octagon-shaped main auditorium, pastor's study, and six Sunday School rooms; dedicated September 14, 1919. First resident clergyman, Dr. R. H. Marsh, 1875-87; graduate of University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N. C. The church has reported a Sunday School since 1876. Church membership in 1876, 54; in 1886, 86; in 1896, 167; in 1906, 150; in 1916, 234; in 1926, 319; and in 1938, 413.

Record Book, 1875--. 2 vols. Includes minutes of church conferences; membership rolls, showing how and when received and dismissed; Sunday School reports; and record of baptisms, marriages, and deaths. 1 vol., 1875-1934, in custody of Mr. W. D. Poe, Oxford, N. C.; 1 vol., 1935--, in custody of Mr. Roy David, Oxford, N. C.

Mrs. Hamilton Hester, History of Enon Baptist Church, MS., in custody of Mr. W. D. Poe, Oxford, N. C.

42. Locally reported as donated by a Mr. Robertson, whose further identity could not be ascertained.

43. Minutes, Flat River Association, 1839, p. 2.

44. Ibid., 1876, p. 15.



23. OLIVE GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH, ca. 1882--. Northside,  
Wake County.

Constituted about 1882 at the close of a revival held by Rev. W. P. Stallings. Received into Flat River Association "by application" 1882.<sup>45</sup> For three months in 1882 services were held under brush arbor. First building, 1882-87, a log structure; site donated by Mr. Benneham Cameron. Second building, 1887-1929, a frame structure constructed a few feet from first building; dedicated by Rev. W. P. Stallings 1889. Present building, 1929--, an eight-room red brick veneered structure with concrete porch and steps, balcony, wings on either side, and seating capacity of 500. First resident clergyman, Rev. J. W. Atkins. The church has reported a Sunday School since 1886. Church membership in 1882, 24; in 1890, 89; in 1901, 50; in 1910, 129; in 1920, 188; in 1930, 229; and in 1939, 232.

Record Book, 1936--. 1 vol. Includes minutes of church conferences and board of deacons; membership rolls, showing how and when received and dismissed; names of church officials; and record of committee appointments and their reports, baptisms, marriages, deaths, receipts, and disbursements. In custody of Mr. W. B. Connolly, Northside, N. C. Sunday School record, 1932--. 6 vols. Includes membership rolls; names of officers and teachers; secretary's reports; and record of receipts and disbursements. 4 vols., 1932-38, kept at church; 2 vols., 1939--, in custody of Mr. John W. Emory, Northside, N. C.

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24. BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH, 1883--. Person County, Route #2,  
Durham (Durham County).

Constituted 1883 with eight charter members from Mount Zion Baptist Church (see entry 12). Received into Flat River Association 1883.<sup>46</sup> Present building, 1883--, a one-room frame structure with frosted-glass windows and seating capacity of 300. First resident clergyman, Rev. T. J. Horner, 1883-86. The church has reported a Sunday School since date constituted. Church membership in 1883, 29; in 1893, 70; in 1903, 74; in 1913, 46; in 1923, 73; in 1933, 90; and in 1938, 100.

Record Book, 1883--. 2 vols. Includes minutes of church conferences and board of deacons; membership rolls; and record of baptisms, marriages, and deaths. 1 vol., 1883-98, kept at Wake Forest College Library, Wake Forest, N. C.; 1 vol., 1898--, in custody of Mr. M. A. Tilley, Route #2, Durham, N. C.

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Ethel Tilley, Fiftieth Anniversary of Bethany Baptist Church, MS., in custody of Miss Tilley, Route #2, Durham, N. C.

45. Minutes, Flat River Association, 1882, p. 6.

46. Ibid., 1883, p. 4.



W. A. Malone, Brief Account of Bethany Baptist Church, MS., Wake Forest College Library, Wake Forest, N. C.

25. ROCK SPRING BAPTIST CHURCH, 1885--. Route #5, Henderson, Vance County.

Constituted 1885 with fifteen charter members under the leadership of Mrs. Jacobina Harris, Mr. H. T. Shanks, and Mr. John Morgan. Sunday School services and occasional church services had been held since 1882 in the home of Mrs. Harris. Received into Flat River Association 1886.<sup>47</sup> Present building, 1886--, a frame structure with main auditorium, four Sunday School rooms, plain-glass windows, and seating capacity of 450; dedicated 1886; Sunday School rooms added and building repaired 1929. First resident clergyman, Rev. T. J. Horner, about 1885-86. The church has reported a Sunday School since 1886. Church membership in 1886, 17; in 1897, 86; in 1906, 113; in 1918, 185; in 1926, 200; and in 1938, 307.

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Mrs. Will Richardson, History of Rock Spring Baptist Church, 1930, MS., Wake Forest College Library, Wake Forest, N. C.

26. STATE LINE BAPTIST CHURCH, 1886-1929, 1940--. Granville County (N. C.), 8 miles southwest of Clarksville, Va.

Constituted 1886 by Rev. W. F. Frye, Mr. Joseph E. Pittard, and others. Received into Flat River Association 1886.<sup>48</sup> Services during 6 months of 1886 were held in schoolhouse. First building, 1886-1929, 1940--, a frame structure, 40' x 50', with plain-glass windows. First resident clergyman, Rev. T. J. Horner, 1886-87. Reorganized January 1940 by Rev. Edward Green in the former church building and services held there since reorganization. At the time of the survey the church planned to rejoin Flat River Association at its annual meeting in 1940. Church membership in 1886, 37; in 1896, 146; in 1906, 87; in 1916, 98; and in 1926, 55.

Record Book, 1940--. 1 vol. Includes minutes of church conferences and board of deacons; membership rolls, showing how and when received and dismissed; names of church officials and dates of their elections; record of committee appointments and their reports; and record of baptisms, marriages, deaths, receipts, and disbursements. In custody of Mr. William Royster, Soudan, Va.

47. Minutes, Flat River Association, 1886, p. 4.

48. Ibid.



Sunday School record, 1940--. 1 vol. Includes minutes of assembly meetings; membership rolls; names of officers and teachers; and record of receipts and disbursements. In custody of Mr. William Royster, Soudan, Va.

27. STOVALL BAPTIST CHURCH, 1886--. Stovall, Granville County, (Sassafras Fork, 1886-89)

Constituted August 7, 1886, by Rev. Joshua A. Stradley. Received into Flat River Association 1886.<sup>49</sup> Services for 4 months in 1886 were held in nearby schoolhouse. Present building, 1886--, a T-shaped brick veneered structure with concrete foundation, twelve Sunday School rooms, two assembly rooms, ten memorial windows, steeple, and bell; dedicated 1939; building brick veneered and repaired 1928. A number of members dismissed in 1906 to organize Dexter Baptist Church (see entry 35). First resident clergyman, Rev. Joshua A. Stradley, 1886-97, 1907-9; graduate of Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, N. C. The church has reported a Sunday School since date constituted. Church membership in 1886, 32; in 1890, 98; in 1900, 174; in 1910, 194; in 1920, 262; in 1930, 474; and in 1958, 495.

Record Book, 1886--. 5 vols. Includes minutes of church conferences and board of deacons; membership rolls, showing how and when received and dismissed; names of church officials and dates of their election; record of committee appointments and their reports; and record of baptisms, marriages, deaths, receipts, and disbursements. 4 vols., 1886-1940, in custody of Mr. Elijah M. Hart, Route #5, Oxford, N. C.; 1 vol., 1940--, in custody of Mr. Marvie Stovall, Route #5, Oxford, N. C.

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28. PEACE'S CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH, 1887--. Route #3, Oxford, Granville County.

Constituted August 3, 1887. A member of Central Association 1888-90;<sup>50</sup> of Flat River Association 1890--.<sup>51</sup> Services, 1887-90, held in tobacco barn belonging to Mr. Alexander T. Peace, located across road from present site. Present building, 1890--, a T-shaped frame structure with plain-glass windows, main auditorium, seven Sunday School rooms, organ, and seating capacity of 400; dedicated July 1900; moved 100 feet west and enlarged in 1928. Church named in honor of Mr. Peace, who donated first church site. First resident clergyman, Rev. N. R. Fennell, 1887-91; graduate of Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, N. C. The church has reported a Sunday School since 1888. Church membership in 1888, 21; in 1897, 77; in 1907, 98; in 1917, 147; in 1927, 217; and in 1938, 339.

Record Book, 1887--. 3 vols. Includes minutes of church conferences; rules of decorum; membership rolls; a brief history of the church by W. S. Howell

49. Minutes, Flat River Association, 1886, p. 4.

50. Minutes, Central Association, 1888, p. 8; 1890, p. 4.

51. Minutes, Flat River Association, 1890, p. 2.



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29. SNOW HILL BAPTIST CHURCH, 1888-1903, Route #2, Roxboro, Person County.

Constituted 1888 by Rev. Joseph E. Montague, Sr. Received into Flat River Association 1889.<sup>52</sup> Services, 1888-1903, held in nearby schoolhouse.

First resident clergyman, Rev. Joseph E. Montague, Sr., 1889-99. The church had reported a Sunday School since 1890. Church membership in 1890, 20, and in 1900, 38.

No records located.

30. FLORENCE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH, 1891--, Granville County (N. C.), Florence Ave., Virgilina, Va.

Constituted 1891 by members of Olive Branch (see entry 8), Amis Chapel (see entry 17), and Bethel (see inventory of Beulah Association) Baptist Churches under the leadership of Mr. Rufus Amis. Received into Flat River Association 1891.<sup>53</sup> First building, 1891-92, an old tobacco factory in Blue Wing community. Second building, 1892--, a rectangular frame structure with vestibule, main auditorium, two Sunday School rooms, belfry, bell, and seating capacity of 250. First resident clergyman, Rev. Thomas W. Greer, 1891-93. The church has reported a Sunday School since date constituted. Church membership in 1891, 21; in 1901, 66; in 1911, 108; in 1921, 129; in 1931, 195; and in 1939, 144.

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52. Minutes, Flat River Association, 1889, p. 5.

53. Ibid., 1891, p. 5.

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31. CREEDMOOR BAPTIST CHURCH, 1895--. Creedmoor, Granville County.

Constituted December 14, 1895. Received into Flat River Association 1896.<sup>55</sup> Operated as an arm of Concord Baptist Church for several years prior to this date (see entry 4).<sup>56</sup> Present building, 1895--, a T-shaped frame structure with vestibule, main auditorium, six Sunday School rooms, stained-glass windows, belfry, bell, and seating capacity of 300; Sunday School rooms added in 1924. Church site and timber donated by Mr. Sam Lyon. First resident clergyman, Rev. H. H. Marshburn, 1895-96. The church has reported a Sunday School since 1896. Church membership in 1896, 7; in 1906, 66; in 1916, 30; in 1926, 201; and in 1938, 188.

Record Book, 1927--. 1 vol. Includes minutes of church conferences; membership rolls; historical sketch of the church; and record of reports to the association, deaths, receipts, and disbursements. In custody of Rev. S. L. Morgan, Creedmoor, N. C.

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32. SHARON BAPTIST CHURCH, 1896--. Route #1, Oxford,  
Granville County.

Constituted November 28, 1896, with twenty-five charter members from Mountain Creek Baptist Church (see entry 20). Received into Flat River Association 1897.<sup>57</sup> Sunday School and occasional church services were held in Wolf Rock schoolhouse on Joshen Road for about a year prior to organization. First building, 1896-1938, a one-room frame structure. Present building, 1936--, a cross-shaped frame structure with Gothic windows, main auditorium, Sunday School rooms, and seating capacity of 250. Church site donated by Mr. J. C. Currin. First resident clergyman, Rev. J. A. Beam, 1896-98; graduate of Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, N. C. The church has reported a Sunday School since 1897. Church membership in 1897, 26; in 1906, 72; in 1916, 111; in 1926, 124; and in 1938, 192.

Record Book, 1896-1938. 1 vol. Includes minutes of church conferences; names of charter members; church covenant; articles of faith; membership rolls, showing how and when dismissed; a historical sketch of the church by Lester McFarland, written in 1930; and record of receipts for church and Sunday School purposes and disbursements for church purposes. In custody of Mr. R. S. Greenway, Route #2, Virgilina, Va.

55. Minutes, Flat River Association, 1896, p. 10.

56. Ibid., 1895, p. 12.

57. Ibid., 1897, p. 7.



Anonymous, A Brief History of Sharon Baptist Church, 1930, MS., Wake Forest College Library, Wake Forest, N. C.

33. KNOTT'S GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH, 1901--. Route #2, Oxford, Granville County.

Constituted September 12, 1901, by members of Corinth Baptist Church (see entry 9). Received into Flat River Association 1902.<sup>58</sup> Services, 1901-3, held in tobacco barn belonging to Mr. L. W. Knott. Present building, 1903--, a rectangular frame structure with plain-glass windows and seating capacity of 250; dedicated third Sunday in December 1905. Church named in honor of Mr. S. W. Knott, who donated church site. First resident clergyman, Rev. J. L. Pace, 1901-5; graduate of Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, N. C. The church has reported a Sunday School since 1902. Church membership in 1902, 42; in 1911, 80; in 1921, 114; in 1931, 108; and in 1939, 69.

Record Book, 1901--. 1 vol. and 1 note book. Includes minutes of church conferences; church covenant; rules of decorum; membership rolls, showing how and when received and dismissed; an account of the church organization, by H. M. Shaw; names of pastors and church and Sunday School officials; and record of deaths, receipts, and disbursements. In custody of Mr. J. W. Dean, Route #2, Oxford, N. C.

J. W. Dean, Knott's Grove Baptist Church, MS., in custody of author.

34. BULLOCK BAPTIST CHURCH, 1904--. Bullock, Granville County.

Constituted July 1904. Received into Flat River Association 1905.<sup>59</sup> First building, 1904-28, a frame structure with main auditorium; Sunday School rooms added 1918. Present building, 1929--, a T-shaped brick structure with stained-glass windows, main auditorium, one assembly room, six Sunday School rooms, belfry, bell, and seating capacity of 300. First resident clergyman, Rev. R. H. Marsh, 1905-18; graduate of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N. C. The church has reported a Sunday School since 1905. Church membership in 1906, 44; in 1916, 95; in 1926, 136; and in 1938, 158.

Record Book, 1904-32, 1934--. 3 vols. Includes minutes of church conferences; rules of decorum; church covenant; membership rolls, showing how and when received and dismissed; and Sunday School reports. In custody of Mr. Francis E. Davis, Bullock, N. C.  
Financial record, 1938--. 1 vol. Includes record of receipts and disbursements. In custody of Mr. C. G. Royster, Bullock, N. C.

35. DEXTER BAPTIST CHURCH, 1906--. Route #5, Oxford, Granville County.

Constituted April 20, 1906, by members of Island Creek and Stovall Baptist Churches (see entries 5 and 27) and a few Methodists who found it incon-

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58. Minutes, Flat River Association, 1902, p. 7.

59. Ibid., 1905, p. 21.



venient to reach a Methodist church. Received into Flat River Association 1906.<sup>60</sup> Present building, 1906--, a rectangular frame structure with plain-glass windows and seating capacity of 250. First resident clergyman, Rev. R. H. Marsh, 1906-12; graduate of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N. C. The church has reported a Sunday School since date constituted. Church membership in 1906, 16; in 1916, 92; in 1926, 192; and in 1938, 238.

Record Book, 1906--. 2 vols. Includes minutes of church conferences and council; church covenant; articles of faith; membership rolls, showing how and when received and dismissed; names of church and Sunday School officials; historical sketches of the church by Mr. E. J. Green in 1930 and in 1938; biography of Mr. William Henry Green; and record of receipts and disbursements. Includes also reports from Woman's Missionary Society, Baptist Young People's Union, and Sun Beam Society, 1924--. In custody of Mr. E. J. Green, Route #5, Oxford, N. C.

36. ROCK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH, 1906--. Route #2, Roxboro, Person County.

Constituted 1906. A member of Flat River Association 1907-13, 1924--;<sup>61</sup> of Beulah Association 1914-23.<sup>62</sup> Present building, 1906--, a frame structure with plain-glass windows; dedicated 1906; extensively repaired 1936. First resident clergymen, Rev. P. H. Jones, 1906-8; graduate of Bethel Hill Institute, Woodsdale, N. C. The church has reported a Sunday School since 1907. Church membership in 1907, 11; in 1917, 88; in 1927, 216; and in 1938, 141.

Record Book, 1906--. 3 vols. Includes minutes of church conferences; membership rolls; church covenant; and record of baptisms, marriages, deaths, receipts, and disbursements. 1 vol., 1906-10, in custody of Mrs. Vanna Slaughter, Route #2, Roxboro, N. C.; 2 vols., 1910--, in custody of Mr. Ollie Yarborough, Route #2, Roxboro, N. C. Sunday School record, 1920--. 4 vols. Includes membership rolls; names of officers and teachers; and record of attendance and collections. Kept at church.

37. PROVIDENCE BAPTIST CHURCH, 1907--. Route #2, Oxford, Granville County. (Beulah, 1907-21)

Constituted March 19, 1907, with thirty charter members from Tally-Ho Baptist Church (see entry 16). Received into Flat River Association 1907.<sup>63</sup> Present building, 1907--, a frame structure with main auditorium, Sunday School rooms, and plain-glass windows; dedicated second Sunday in April 1907; Sunday School rooms added 1937. Church site donated by Miss Rosa Parham. First resident clergymen, Rev. J. A. Stradley, 1907-12; attended Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, N. C. The church has reported

60. Minutes, Flat River Association, 1906, p. 3.

61. Ibid., 1907, p. 5; 1913, p. 9; 1924, p. 24.

62. Minutes, Beulah Association, 1914, p. 20; 1923, p. 3.

63. Minutes, Flat River Association, 1907, p. 6.



a Sunday School since date constituted. Church membership in 1907, 34; in 1917, 175; in 1921, 228; and in 1938, 266.

Record Book 1907--. 1 vol. Includes minutes of church conferences; membership rolls; and record of baptisms, marriages, deaths, receipts, and disbursements. In custody of Mr. James T. Watkins, Route #2, Oxford, N. C.

Mrs. Lottie R. Royster, History of Beulah Baptist Church, MS., Wake Forest College Library, Wake Forest, N. C.

38. WEST OXFORD BAPTIST CHURCH, 1910--. Church St., Oxford, Granville County.

Constituted 1910. Received into Flat River Association 1910.<sup>64</sup> Present building, about 1910--, a frame structure with main auditorium, six Sunday School rooms, one memorial window, steeple, bell, and seating capacity of 350; remodeled 1921. Church site donated by Mr. R. W. Lassiter. First resident clergyman, Rev. E. G. Usry, 1910-20, 1923--; graduate of Oak Ridge Military Institute, Oak Ridge, N. C., and Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, N. C. The church has reported a Sunday School since date constituted. Church membership in 1910, 55; in 1920, 157; in 1930, 173; and in 1938, 205.

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